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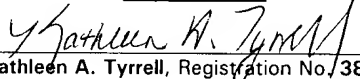
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Dear Sir:

Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This is a reply to the Office Action dated January 19, 2001 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

In the Specification:

The paragraph, beginning on line 20, of page 4 has been amended as follows: